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In re Application of: Maria Laura Gennaro

Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz

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Amendment

Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the September 16, 2008 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-referenced application. A response to the September 16, 2008 Final Office Action is due December 16, 2008. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.